Title: Need to start construction of Talcher-Bimalagarh rail line in Orissa and provide necessary funds for the same in the Budget, 2003-04.

SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR): The Government and people of Orissa have been demanding for the construction of Talcher-Bimalagarh Rail line since 60s, for more than 40 years now. Survey was conducted several times. The latest survey conducted during 2000-01 by the Railway Ministry depicts that this Talcher-Bimalagarh rail line of 154 km. length would give the rate of return of 10.18 per cent with construction cost of Rs.606.60 corre. This line shall pass through the backward tribal area and forest and mineral resource rich area and commercially, it would be a very profitable line. I request the Union Government and Railway Minister to start the construction of this rail line quickly and include it in the Budget of 2003-04 positively.